

What is claimed as new and what is desired to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. An apparatus comprising:

5 an elongate body formed from recycled tire material, said body having a plurality of sidewalls and oppositely disposed end portions integral with said plurality of sidewalls and defining a length of said body therebetween, said body having a centrally disposed longitudinal axis; and

10 at least one reinforcing member extending within said body and disposed between said opposed end portions and said plurality of sidewalls thereof, said at least one reinforcing member positioned substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis.

15 2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said at least one reinforcing member is formed to have a substantially V-shape.

3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said at least one reinforcing member is formed to have a generally U-shaped cross-section.

20 4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said at least one reinforcing member is formed to have a generally V-shaped cross-section.

25 5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said at least one reinforcing member is formed to have a substantially cylindrical shape.

6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said at least one reinforcing member is formed to have a substantially helical shape.

30 7. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising: connecting means for removably connecting select ones of said opposed end portions to an object.

8. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said connecting means comprises: a plurality of brackets having a plurality of apertures formed therein and for receiving a plurality of fastening members therethrough.

5           9. The apparatus of claim 8, wherein one said plurality of brackets is secured to said apparatus and another said plurality of brackets is secured to a ground surface, said plurality of brackets being pivotally connected and selectively adjustable along a select quadrant.

10           10. An apparatus comprising:  
            an elongate body formed from recycled tire material, said body having a plurality of sidewalls and oppositely disposed end portions integral with said plurality of sidewalls and defining a length of said body therebetween, said body having a centrally disposed longitudinal axis;

15           at least one reinforcing member extending within said body and disposed between said opposed end portions and said plurality of sidewalls thereof, said at least one reinforcing member positioned substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis; and

20           connecting means for removably connecting select ones of said opposed end portions to an object.

            11. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said at least one reinforcing member is formed to have a substantially V-shape.

25           12. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said at least one reinforcing member is formed to have a generally U-shaped cross-section.

            13. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said at least one reinforcing member is formed to have a generally V-shaped cross-section.

14. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said at least one reinforcing member is formed to have a substantially cylindrical shape.

5 15. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said at least one reinforcing member is formed to have a substantially helical shape.

10 16. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said connecting means comprises: a plurality of brackets having a plurality of apertures formed therein and for receiving a plurality of fastening members therethrough.

15 17. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein one said plurality of brackets is secured to said apparatus and another said plurality of brackets is secured to a ground surface, said plurality of brackets being pivotally connected and selectively adjustable along a select quadrant.

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